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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR AGREEMENT FOR EDWARD OLUSOLA SANU
AS AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES

REF : (A) LAGOS A-130, JUNE 7, 1973
(B) ADDIS ABABA 1692, APRIL 18, 1972

SUMMARY: MG HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT APPOINTMENT EDWARD OLUSOLA SANU AS

AMBASSADOR TO UNITED STATES TO REPLACE JOHN M. GARBA. SANU CURRENTLY SERVING AS AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC). EMBASSY RECOMMENDS GRANTING EARLY AGREEMENT TO APPOINTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED AUGUST 20 AND RECEIVED AUGUST 25, 1975, FMG HAS REQUESTED AGREEMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EDWARD OLUSOLA SANU, A TRAINED ECONOMIST PRESENTLY SERVING AS NIGERIAN AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM, TO SUCCEED AMBASSADOR JOHN M. GARBA IN WASHINGTON. FMG REQUESTED AGREEMENT QTE AS SOON AS
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2. SANU WAS BORN MARCH 24, 1930, IN OFFA, KWARA STATE.
HE IS A GRADUATE OF BOTH HOWARD UNIVERSITY IN WASHINGTON (B.A.
ECONOMICS 1953) AND HARVARD UNIVERSITY (M.A. ECONOMICS AND M.A.
PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION). HE WAS LITTAUER FELLOW AT HARVARD.

3. SANU JOINED THE NIGERIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1958 AND WAS
ASSIGNED FIRST SECRETARY, NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON 1960-61.
FOLLOWING HIS RETURN TO LAGOS, HE SERVED AS HEAD OF ECONOMIC
DEPARTMENT AND LATER HEAD OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS. RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES
IN 1964 TO BECOME COUNSELOR OF THE NIGERIAN MISSION TO THE UN,
HE SERVED AS MEMBER OF UN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION AND
BUDGETARY MATTERS. THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE BECAME
DIRECTOR OF PROTOCOL, MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS, LAGOS. AFTER
THE FIRST COUP OF 1966 HE SERVED AS PERMANENT UNDERSECRETARY,
CABINET OFFICE, UNTIL NAMED AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA IN 1968.
HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO BELGIUM AND THE EUROPEAN
ECONOMIC COMMUNITY (EEC) IN 1973. WHILE AMBASSADOR TO ETHIOPIA,
MR. SANU BECOME A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE
ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR AFRICA (ECA) AND AT THE 26TH UNGA, WAS
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE FIFTH (FINANCE) COMMITTEE. SANU WAS
ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE AFRICAN GROUP WHICH NEGOTIATED WITH EEC
IN 1973.

4. MR. SANU IS MARRIED AND A FATHER. HE IS A PROTESTANT.
THE AMBASSADOR IS A SERIOUS STUDENT OF AMERICAN LITERATURE AND
IS DESCRIBED AS A HIGHLY COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL. IN ADDIS ABABA
HE WAS CONSIDERED A SOUND-THINKING, MILD SKEPTIC AND USEFUL COLLEAGUE
BY THE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY.

5. SHORTLY AFTER THE FIRST COUP IN 1966, SANU ACCUSED THE UNITED
STATES AND AMERICANS OF BEING ARROGANT AND IGNORING NIGERIA.
HE CHARGED BOTH AMERICANS AND BRITISH OFFICIALS OF ABUSING
THEIR POSITIONS BY CALLING ON PRIME MINISTER BALEWA TOO OFTEN.
HOWEVER, DURING HIS TOUR IN ADDIS ABABA HE WAS CONSIDERED TO
BE WELL DISPOSED TOWARD THE UNITED STATES AND MAINTAINED CLOSE
AND FRIENDLY CONTACT WITH EMBASSY OFFICIALS.

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6. EMBASSY HAS NO DEROGATORY INFORMATION AND RECOMMENDS EARLY
AGREEMENT BE GRANTED. PRESENT FMG LEADERSHIP IS BUSINESSLIKE,
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